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SUBJECT: U.S. PRISONERS: DEVELOPMENTS ON EXTORTION ATTEMPT
IN SANTA CRUZ

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1. VICE CONSUL DAVID RANDOLPH FLEW FROM SANTA CRUZ TO COCHABAMBA
MORNING JULY 30 TO ATTEND HEARING. HE REPORTED NO ADVERSE
DEVELOPMENTS DURING HIS STAY IN SANTA CRUZ.

2. CUNNINGHAM'S MOTHER, MARY SHEA, PHONED CONSUL KEMP MORNING
OF JULY 30 TO REPORT A) SHE WAS NOT BEING ADDMITTED TO PRISON
TO VISIT SON (SHE HAS HAD FREE ACCESS PREVIOUSLY DURING
HER ENTIRE VISIT) AND B) MENACHO HAS WITHIN PRISON AND HAD
MADE THREATS TO US PRISONER MARRERO.

3. CHARGE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED SUB-SECRETARY JUSTICE BALLIVIAN
WHO, TOGETHER WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF DNSP (NARCOTICS POLICE) COL
BUSTILLOS, RECEIVED CHARGE AND KEMP AT OFFICE. AFTER SITUATION
DESCRIBED TO BALLIVIAN AND BUSTILLOS, LATTER PUT IN LONG DISTANCE
CALL TO PRISON GVERNOR AT SANTA CRUZ WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM
BALLIVIAN TO INSTRUCT GOVERNOR, IN NAME OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR
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PEREDA, TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW MRS. SHEA ACCESS TO PRISON. ALSO,
TO INSTRUCT GOVERNOR TO PREVENT MENACHO FROM MAKING ANY THREATS
TO US PRISONERS, SUCH AS BY PUTTING MENACHO IN SOLITARY.
BALLIVIAN ALSO TOLD US THAT MENACHO IS IN PRISON BECAUSE HE IS
UNDER CHARGES OF CHECK FORGING AND IS EITHER ALREADY CONVICTED OR
TRIAL IS UNDERWAY IN SANTA CRUZ. THEREFORE, AFTER HIS INTERROGATION
IN LA PAZ HE WAS RETURNED TO SANTA CRUZ.

4. BALLIVIAN ALSO SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTER PEREDA

TO GO TO SANTA CRUZ THIS COMING WEEK, PROBABLY AUGUST 2, WITH COLONEL APARICIO (DNSP) AND ANOTHER OFFICER TO "GET THIS WHOLE MATTER STRAIGHTEND OUT". WE WILL KEEP ON THE PRESSURE FOR ACTION, AND IF ADVISABLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MS. DERIAN'S VISIT FOR ADDITIONAL PRESSURE.

5. CHARGE HAS TALKED TO MRS. SHEA ON PHONE TO ASSURE HER MEASURES BEING TAKEN. MAJOR LOTZ WILL VISIT PRISON THIS AFTERNOON AND AT LEAST TWICE TOMORROW. CONSUL KEMP WILL GO TO SANTA CRUZ ON AUGUST 1.
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